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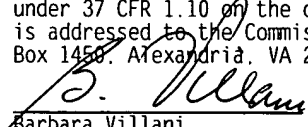
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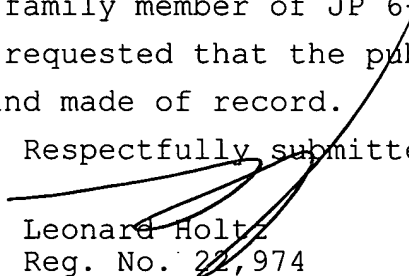
The publications are identified on pages 1-2 of the specification.

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